

Faith Community Bible Church

one2one

Bible Reading

Session I: "Problem, Prescription, and Process"

Problem: We know we should, but we don't

- I. Our Father is a personal God, and he wants to be in relationship with us
- II. A relationship involves spending time together and getting to know each other.
- III. God has given us the tools and gifts to establish and build that relationship:
 - a. Scripture – the foundation and test of our faith (Josh 1:8, 2 Tim 3:16)
 - b. Prayer – listening to and speaking to God (John 15:7, Phil 4:6-7)
 - c. Fellowship –teaming up with fellow believers (Matt 18:20, Heb 10:24-25)
 - d. Witness – telling and showing others the good news (Matt 4:19, Rom 1:16)
- IV. But surveys indicate that most Christians don't regularly read the Bible, pray, invest in fellow believers, or witness to non-Christians.

V. Why?

Prescription: “One-2-One” Bible Reading

- I. Meeting regularly and intentionally with another person to pray, read the Bible, and discuss what you have read as you build a Christ-focused relationship with each other.
 - a. Scripture and Prayer
 - b. Fellowship and Witness
- II. A simple and flexible framework, not a detailed procedure
- III. With whom?
- IV. How do we begin?
- V. What do we do?
- VI. How do we prepare?

Process: A Simple and Flexible Framework

- I. Find a person with whom to meet
 - a. ***Prayerfully*** consider your “Frangelism” network: Friends, Family, Associates, Neighbors
 - b. Think of someone whom you already see or meet regularly
 - c. Ask a pastor or elder for a suggestion
- II. How do I ask?
- III. Agree on a time, place, book, and duration
- IV. A typical meeting:

- a. Prayer:
 - i. That your hearts would be open to God's Word
 - ii. That God would help you understand what you are about to read
- b. Scripture reading:
 - i. Read the text aloud
 - ii. Perhaps more than once
- c. Discuss
 - i. Questions specific to the text or type of text (we will provide some examples in Session II)
 - ii. General open-ended questions:
 - 1. "What does this passage tell us about God?"
 - 2. "What does this passage tell us about humankind?"
 - 3. "How does this passage call us to respond?"
 - 4. "How will we apply this to our lives this week?"
 - 5. "How can we help each other do these things?"
 - 6. "Who can each of us tell about what we've learned?"
- V. We (the pastors, elders, and congregation) will help!
 - a. Reading plans with suggested questions

- b. Reading through the book of Mark as a congregation this Fall
- c. Help finding a person with whom to read
- d. Help with difficult questions or dilemmas
- e. PRAYER
- f. Encouragement
- g. Exhortation
- h. Accountability